

Examiner's Amendment

1. Please change page 3, 1st line of Claim 3, "*The apparatus according to claim 2*" to -- The apparatus according to claim 1--.

Please change page 3, 1st line of Claim 4, "*The apparatus according to claim 2*" to -- The apparatus according to claim 1--.

2. After Final Amendment Ok to Enter. Examiner's Initials: MS.

Reasons for Allowance

3. Applicants' response to the last Office Action, filed 02/14/2008 has been entered and made of record.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent Claims 1,7,9 are allowable over the prior art of record because they recite a formula, which the prior art does not disclose.

Claims 3-6 depend from Claim 1, and are therefore allowable.

5. In view of the amended claims and the Applicant's arguments, the rejections to claims 1,3,4,5,6,7,9 are expressly withdrawn.

Conclusion

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MAX SHIKHMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30AM-6:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JINGGE WU can be reached on (571) 272-7429. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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